

76 RECOVERED FROM SCHOOL FIRE RUINS

Bomb Explodes in U. S. Consulate in Mexico

WATERFALL ALMOST INUNDATES CITY OF BEAUMONT

None Are Injured No Arrests Follow

MEXICO CITY, May 18.—A powerful bomb exploded in the basement of the building occupied by the American consulate here early today. None were injured and no damage done to the consulate's office. No arrests.

It may be that the bomb explosion was an attempt by enemies to recognition who resorted to that method to confuse minds assembled at conference.

Colorado Storm Relief Fund Is Being Raised

Those desiring to respond to the call of Colorado citizens for aid for the storm victims of Mitchell County, Texas, are urged to send in their checks to The News Publishing Company, hand them to Mr. Jean Ormsby, City Circulator at the Pioneer News Stand, or bring them in person to the office of The Mexia Daily News. Make all checks payable to the Colorado Relief Fund.

The fund today stands:
Charles P. Tindley, \$5.00.
Cash 50c.
C. J. Kahl, \$5.00.
Cash, \$1.00.
J. Sanford Smith, \$25.00.
Cash, \$1.00.

All who desire to make a Thanksgiving and Good Will contribution to this fund for fellow Texans in need are urged to do so at once, in order that the money may be forwarded by the first of this coming week.

Expert Fire Fighters At Powell Now

The fire at the McKie at Powell was still burning this morning. All efforts of the week to exterminate it have proven futile. Mrs. J. K. Hughes stated just before she left for Corsicana and Powell at noon, that Mr. Hughes has secured the services of three expert fire fighters, well known in other fields, who are this afternoon working to exterminate it as soon as possible.

Many new locations have been made in the new field and much more activity will start as soon as the disastrous blaze is put out.

George Peyton went to Powell on the noon train and will confer with Mr. Hughes while there.

Russia Sees Breath With The British

MOSCOW, May 18.—A break with England is feared by responsible government personages here. Russia will be unable to go much further in meeting the demands set down in the British ultimatum, it was pointed out by them today.

Soviets Got Off With Lot Loot

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Property valued at \$300,000 belonging to the International Harvester corporation, General Electric, and other American property was seized in and around Vladivostok by Soviet authorities, it was learned at the State Department in connection with the closing of the consulate there. Soviet authorities seized the office of the American consul making it impossible for him to continue his duties, when Vladivostok was taken over by Russia. The Moscow government gave foreign consuls three months to present credentials. The American government refused to do this because it implied recognition of Russia.

men and their families and friends have enjoyed.

Bonar Law Is Hardly Able To Speak At All

PARIS, May 18.—Scarcely able to speak and showing no improvement, Bonar Law today was forced to refuse a luncheon invitation from Premier Poincare. Law is suffering with a throat affection. Lord Beaverbrook publisher of the Daily Express of London, is in conference with the British premier today and it is understood that they discussed the possible successor to Law. Beaverbrook came hurriedly to Paris last night.

Former State Senator Announces Candidacy For Congress 3rd Dist.

DALLAS, May 18.—B. B. Sturgeon former State senator from the third senatorial district and for six years county attorney of Lamar county, has announced his candidacy for Congress from this district, subject to the action of the Democratic primary next year.

Aid for stock raisers, immigration and a soldier bonus are certain to be among the more important issues in the next political campaign, Sturgeon believes.

Sturgeon declared he would favor more stringent immigration laws, a fair bonus for former service men and insist on a just return for farm and ranch products through legislative action.

"Prohibition will be among the more important issues of the next campaign," declared Sturgeon. "I believe that the government is amply able to enforce all its laws and to that end I will, if elected aid in the rigid adherence to our national prohibition act."

Mrs. J. K. Hughes left at noon for Corsicana, where Mr. Hughes has been all this week.

City Struck By Waterspout At An Early Hour

BEAUMONT, Texas, May 18.—A heavy rain that is still falling early today has the city almost inundated. Street cars are stopped, automobiles stranded everywhere, and water is running over curbs, flooding business houses.

President Driscoll, Texas Bankers Association, Says Texas Is On the High Road to Prosperity this Year

YOAKUM, Texas, May 18.—Texas is on the high road to prosperity and a determination exists throughout the state to make the present year the banner year in Texas production and Texas industrial affairs.

This was the thought expressed by M. C. Driscoll, president of the Texas Bankers Association in an exclusive interview with the United Press.

Driscoll has just completed a tour of Texas and is probably better acquainted with business, industrial and agricultural conditions in this state than any other person.

"As president of the Texas Bankers' Association, it has been my duty as well as my privilege, to visit almost every portion of the state," said Driscoll, "and I find among bankers whom I have visited and the business men with whom I have talked a general feeling of optimism and a determination on the part of everyone to make the present year the banner year in Texas production and Texas industrial affairs."

"The cotton farmers have been somewhat retarded in their planting by cold weather and excessive rains in some portions of the state, but a very large per cent of the cotton is now planted and up, and gives promise of yielding in abundance."

"The grain farmers are far advanced and are looking forward to a splendid grain crop, which will soon be ready for harvesting."

"I do not believe that I have ever seen a corn crop in Texas further advanced at the present time."

"The sheep and goat men are feeling very optimistic and happy, and they have a right to be, for with range conditions almost ideal and wool and mohair selling at from 55 to 60 cents per pound, I know no reason why optimism should not prevail among them."

"There is a great activity in the oil industry and the lumber industry as well as in the rice and sulphur industries, and from every viewpoint Texas gives promise of having a very prosperous and successful year."

"There is only one dark cloud in the sky, and that is the cattle industry, but recent advances have put new hope and new ambition in the cattlemen, and they have resolved to 'beat it back' as it were, and when this important industry has been fully revived, you may say that Texas can look the entire world in the face and maintain an air of contentment."

Search In Debris Continues Today

CLEVELAND, S. C., May 18.—Seventy four bodies of men, women and children have been recovered early today from the ruins of a school house here destroyed by fire when a kerosene lamp fell from the ceiling during a school entertainment.

Panic followed the falling of the lamp. The crowd stampeded from the hall and most of the victims were caught in a small hall way, eight feet square, at the foot of the stairs. They packed in that space so tightly that the flames caught them before they could escape.

Search of the ruins is continuing.

The flames spread so rapidly that within fifteen minutes the building was a mass of fire.

Many of those in the audience leaped from second story windows.

In addition to those burned and trampled to death in the panic dozens are in the hospitals today suffering from bruises on legs and arms.

Two persons who leaped suffered broken backs.

Most of the bodies so far recovered have not been identified, being so badly burned.

Police and doctors from Camden and other near by towns hastened to Cleveland when news of the disaster reached them.

Many of the injured are being cared for in improvised hospitals and in the homes of Cleveland residents.

Between four hundred and eight hundred were packed in the hall on the second floor of the country school house for the entertainment. Most of these were country folks who had driven in in their automobiles and horse drawn vehicles to see their children take part in the entertainment.

Only a few people from Camden and near by towns attended

Commissioners 25 Are Hurt Increase Terms of Court

Commissioner John Kennedy states that the terms of the county court have been changed so as to provide a term of the court for each month in the year according to an order passed by the Commissioners Court at its regular meeting Monday of this week. This action will be a decided advantage as the docket of the county court was getting so large and congested on account of the oil field business that very little was possible to be done. The order changing the terms of the court, which follows: is effective beginning with the June term:

"Be it ordered by the Commissioner Court in and for Limestone County, Texas, sitting at a regular term thereof:

"1. That there shall hereafter be held within and for the County of Limestone, a term of the County Court, for Probate, Civil and Criminal business commencing on the first Monday in the months of January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December, in each year, which terms shall continue in session until the end of the week last preceding the first Monday in the next month.

"The second week of each of said terms of said court shall be and is hereby designated as the week for the trial of civil business, and Monday of said week shall be and is hereby designated as the day for taking up and disposing of Probate business. But this designation shall not prevent the trial and disposition of Civil and Probate business at any other time during said term by consent of the parties, and the Judge of said Court.

"2. That there shall also be held within and for said County of Limestone a term of the said County Court, for Criminal business only, commencing on the first Monday, in the months of January, February,

"3. That this order shall take effect and be in force from and after the first Monday in June, A. D. 1923. Passed and entered on this the 14th day of May A. D. 1923."

SANTONE SHOWS DECREASE IN SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

SAN ANTONIO, May 18.—A decrease of \$1,072 was shown in postal saving accounts for the month of April over the previous month.

The total postal savings accounts for April was \$112,847 while the preceding month was \$113,919.

The total amount of domestic money orders paid during the month of April was \$185,165.21 and those issued amounted to \$115,543.41. Foreign money orders paid out during April totaled \$3,964.98 and those issued amounted to \$3,125.

AUSTIN, May 18.—The United States congress would be requested to fully investigate charges against Earl Mayfield in the contest against his election, under provisions of a resolution introduced in the Senate today. The resolution was laid on the table subject to call.

March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December, in each year, and each of said terms shall continue in session until the end of the week last preceding the first Monday in the next month.

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Purnell Reigns In Pomp And Splendor In Michigan "Valley Of The Kings"

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Jesse Jack and Pearl Murnay.
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Lloyd Seale and Rubie Thomason.
W. H. Nichols and Unar Childress.
Lovi Lindley and Azaline Long.
Pollerpo Ruiz and Aurelia Ybana.
Raymond Benson and Addie Jones.
W. R. Williams and Effie Ellis.

BIRTHS

The following births were recorded during the week ending May 15:
To Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jeordon of Personville, a son on May 10.
To Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Browder of Groesbeck, a son on May 9.
To Mr. and Mrs. Lon Massingill of Roscoe, a daughter on May 5.
To Mr. and Mrs. Colbert Gregory of Groesbeck, a daughter on May 15.

By J. L. O'SULLIVAN.

United Press Staff Correspondent

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ST. JOSEPH, Mich., May 18.—Benjamin Purnell, the man who would be king, ruled with regal pomp and splendor in Shiloh palace of the House of David.

Surrounded by his harem of "virgins," the "seventh angel," who is being investigated by Judge Harry Dingeran's "one man" grand jury, lived a life of luxurious ease and splendor in this Michigan "valley of the kings."

Food was served to the modern Sultan, who maintained his corps of maidens long after the abolition of the Turkish ruler's nest, on plates of gold.

Rare liquors were poured to suit his moods and tastes in glistening goblets studded with emeralds and rubies, by the young girl attendants.

Trained hula-hula dancers furnished entertainment at his bidding.

His long gray beard was combed

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Christian Science services are held every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the K. of P. Hall, opposite post office. Subject, "Mortals and Immortals." Golden text, 1 Timothy 6-12.

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, where unto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. Testimonial meeting is on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend these services. Sunday school is at 10 o'clock.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible school at 9:45, Carl Davis, Supt. A place for young and old alike. Worship and preaching at 11.

"The Fountain of Youth," will be the subject for the sermon at this hour.

Christian Endeavor at 7 p. m. The subject for the sermon lecture at 8 o'clock will be, "The Greatest Investment." You are invited to attend these services.

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Opening—Tramp L. B. Aultman.

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Another address—Tramp F. P. Hutchinson.

Race solo—Tramp Elmer Beane.

Whistling Melodies—Tramp Ed Tiant.

Fellowship address—Tramp Joe Byers.

Quartet—Tramp Semford, Wheeler, Cason and Pease.

Feature address—Tramp R. C. McCullough.

Benediction.

George Perkins of Waxahachie has been in the city for several days, helping Build a Better and Better Mexia. He's a carpenter.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to take this means of expressing to the public an especially to those who have extended the hands of loving sympathy in our recent sorrows and bereavements the most earnest gratefulness that is in our hearts. For flowerly words of condolence, acts of helpful service and prayers for grace in our gloom following the death of a dear husband and father, we are thankful and hope and pray God's richest benedictions on one and all—Mrs. W. A. Hicks and family.

LOST—Mules, both mares, 900 each. Black and mouse, each blind in right eye. Reunion ground district. Reward for information. R. L. Moore, R. 1, Box 37. 1812D.

B. I. McDonald returned to his home at Sweetwater today following a visit with his mother, Mrs. R. C. Jones of that city.

F. L. Smith, President of the F. I. Smith Oil Company, is a Powell visitor today.

High Court Affirms Scooty Ferguson case

GROESBECK, May 18—Attorney I. W. Sheppard was notified by wire early this week that the Court of Criminal Appeals at Austin had affirmed the case of the State of Texas against Scooty Ferguson.

Mr. Sheppard said that Ferguson was tried in the District Court here on a charge of murder and was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. The case was appealed and the Court of Criminal Appeals first reversed and remanded the case, but upon the motion of Mr. Sheppard it was reconsidered with the result that the trial of the case in the court here was affirmed.

John Hassen left at noon for Ranger after a business trip here.

Mrs. Minnie Guberman of Delhi County, arrived Wednesday on a visit with her sister, Mrs. Sam Polz of this city.

SHERIFF THROWS ACTOR INTO JAIL, SUSPECTED OF BANK ROBBERY

Arrested on the suspicion that he was a bank bandit posing as a moving picture actor Douglas MacLean recently had an opportunity to get a real shot at the jail when he came in "The Sunshine Trail," Thomas H. Ince's new comedy drama.

The arrest took place in the movie desert where the Ince studio staff, under the leadership of Director James Horne, were filming a motorcycle chasing a car full of "bandits."

The car ran into a ditch, and in the auto-smashup an actor, caught underneath the overturned car had his shoulder blade broken.

MacLean and the studio staff were busy getting the car off this actor when a deputy sheriff strolled up.

"I been watchin' you fellows from

behind a banana all afternoon," he said, "and I don't like you look. You better come on into town with me."

The Ince studio staff protested vigorously, but MacLean interjected: "That's quite all right, sheriff," he said. "It's true that we might be bank robbers posing as motion picture actors. But I want to make you a proposal. If we really prove that we are picture actors and not burglars, will you kindly throw me into jail. We'd like very much to make a motion picture with you on the movie 'lookin' out How about it?'"

"You're on," said the deputy. "Come along."

Upon reaching the desert town, telegraph office the Ince company quickly proved that they were not they represented themselves to be And the deputy sheriff lived up to his promise.

George Peyton is in California

MOONER LEAVES BABY IN UNWELT LUGGAGE OF DOUGLAS MACLEANS

Douglas MacLean, star of Thomas H. Ince's "The Sunshine Trail," declared that before he will have nothing to do with a baby, wife or family with him.

Just before he started playing the principal role in "The Sunshine Trail" at the Ince studios, in California, MacLean tied out on a special type of movie four in the picture of the country.

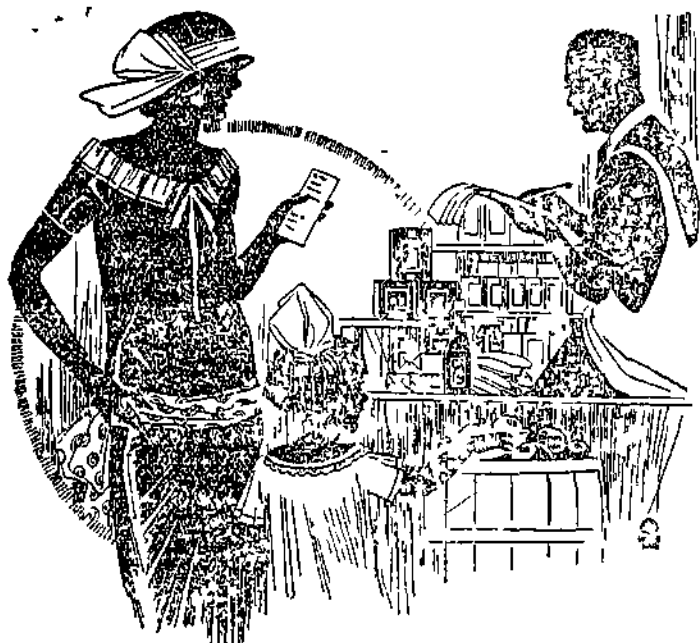
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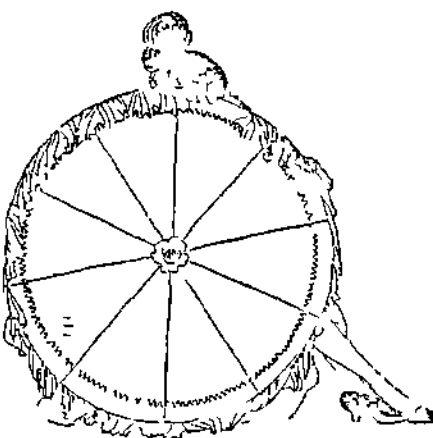
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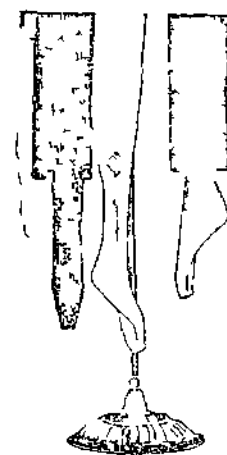
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—Gray Skirt and white gloves. Beautiful white high cut.

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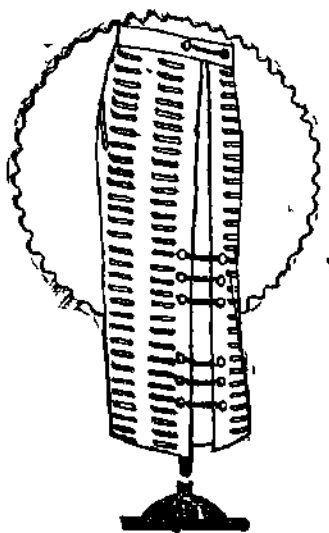
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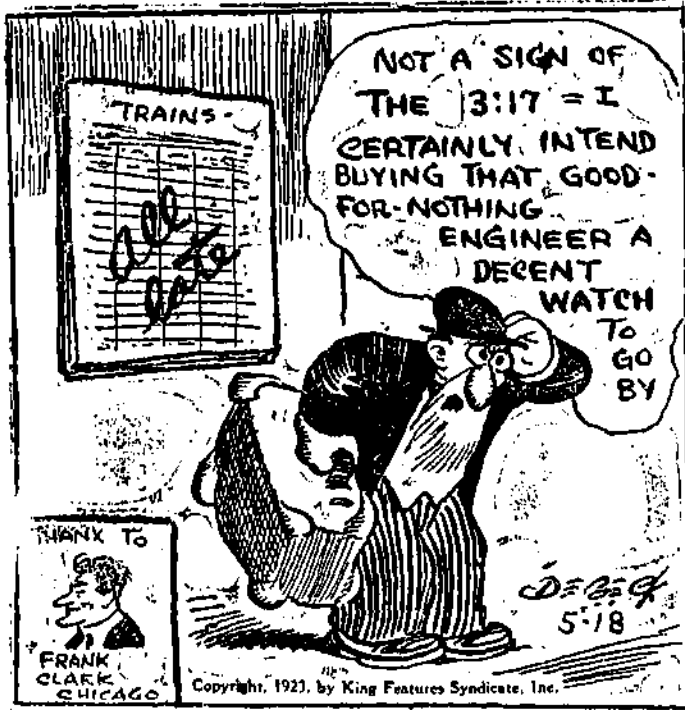
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Purnell Reigns

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and primed by a maid in waiting. His bath was prepared, clothes carefully arranged and every want anticipated by the score of elect "sisters," who vied with each other for the honor of administering to the personal wants of the self-styled "brother of Jesus Christ."

The chosen Shiloh girls, arrayed in the finest silks while their less fortunate "sisters" in the colony were allowed only roughest cotton clothes of plainest styles, maintained the royal apartment.

The king's rooms were furnished with rich tapestries and with luxurious couches and divans. Valuable paintings graced the walls. A thousand workers from every walk of life from preaching to peanut selling furnished the gold for the upkeep of this retinue.

The inside story of life in this Twentieth Century American harem, was revealed to the United Press today by a 20-year old girl who acted as a "spotter" and detective, reporting directly to "King Ben" any outside indiscretions among his flock.

Lavina Johnson Hanger, whose chief ambition in her four years in the colony was to be elevated to a position of lady in waiting upon Benjamin, only to find the laurels concealing a crown of thorns upon attainment, revealed for the first time the intimate details of the life of Benjamin.

Lavina, who kept the faith as promulgated by the Israelites and obeyed laws to the letter while serving as

Benjamin's private detective and hula dancer, told a frank and open story of her life in the colony. Her black eyes flashed a bitter hatred and strong resentment as she disclosed her story of her associations with Benjamin, culminating, she declares, when the "king" attempted a vicious attack upon her under the guise of a religious rite.

"Benjamin seldom slept at night," Lavina said. "There was always a light in his room. He said he did his work then, preparing his writings and prophecies. He slept in the day time. The spirits were abroad in the night time and they would inspire his works," he said.

"Twenty-three girls lived in Shiloh. They were the favored of the flock. They had nothing to do but care for Benjamin. No other men lived in the apartment. Queen Mary, the King's wife even lived in a building far separated from that of her husband. "All other members of the colony worked hard, were given poor food and insufficient clothing.



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"While I was in Mary's retinue, I were few. On the last Friday of each month all the brothers and sisters more than 12 years of age were summoned to the assembly hall to hear Benjamin preach. He spoke plainly especially on the doctrine which provides that women must lead virgin lives and the men must keep a pledge of celibacy.

"Benjamin's girls arose early, when a general bell was sounded, to be prepared for his appearance. Breakfast, consisting of the choicest fruits and carefully selected and prepared food, was ready for service to the king in bed, if he desired.

"While Benjamin and his virgins were satisfying their appetites with the best of foods, the other members of the colony were given only the plainest victuals.

"They never had eggs, butter and cream. Of course none in the entire family eats meats.

"The king seldom appeared on the grounds except on State occasions. He worked through handpicked assistants. When he did appear he was always surrounded by a bevy of beautiful girls. He rode with them in a glass enclosed car upon the miniature railway to various parts of the estate.

"All the girls sought the honor of caring for Benjamin's room, of arranging his room and helping him with his toilet.

"Religious services and ceremonies

were few. On the last Friday of each month all the brothers and sisters more than 12 years of age were summoned to the assembly hall to hear Benjamin preach. He spoke plainly especially on the doctrine which provides that women must lead virgin lives and the men must keep a pledge of celibacy.

"On various occasions decreed by Benjamin the cleansing fountain ceremony was held to 'purify the blood' of the elect. There was no ceremonial attached. We simply wrote out confessions of our misdeeds, filed through an assembly hall and dropped papers bearing our signatures into a large waste basket. These were taken to Benjamin. Although he declared he never read them I know he did because of the matters he called to my attention which he could not possibly have known of otherwise.

Lavina said in order to further test the "faith" and "cleanse the blood" of Shiloh girls, Benjamin made strange proposals as the fancy suited. It attempted to test Lavina's faith while she was working in a Shiloh pantry, the girl testified before the grand jury investigating the cult but she rebelled and escaped.

CAMPAIGN MESSAGE IS BROADCAST BY RADIO

For the second time an address in the interest of the 75 million campaign has been broadcast from Birmingham, through the courtesy of the Alabama Power Company, the latest message

being that delivered by Dr. George W. Truett at a sectional Campaign rally in the Alabama metropolis.

MANY VOLUNTEER FOR FOREIGN MISSION FIELDS

According to Dr. J. F. Love, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, he has on file the names of 669 Baptist young people of the South who have definitely dedicated their lives to foreign mission service and are now in training to prepare themselves for that work.

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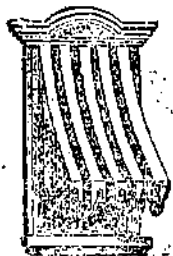
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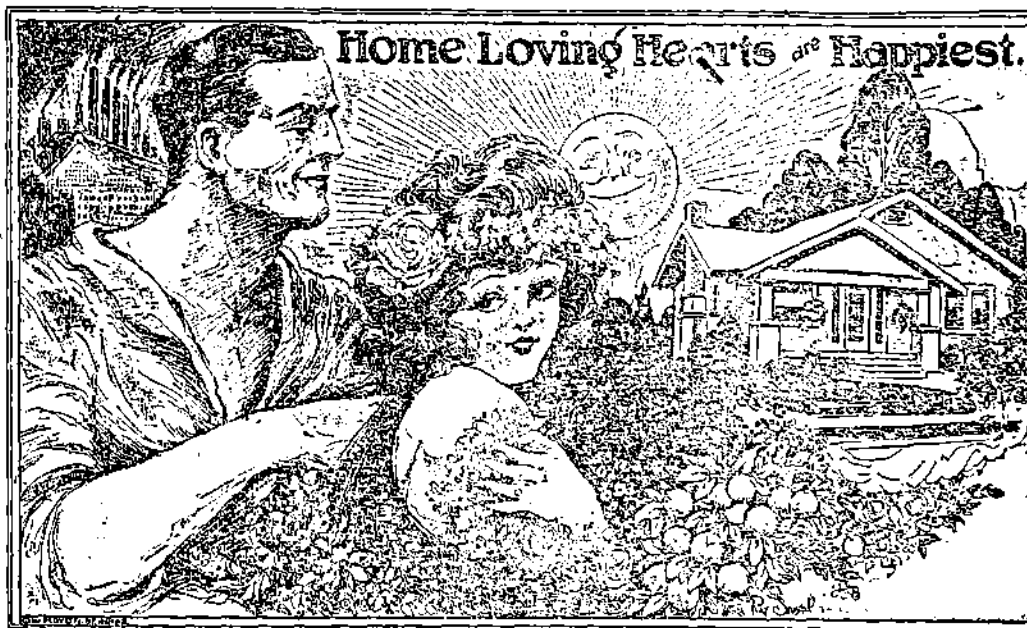
Graduation gifts are constant reminders of an unusual and very happy occasion. One should select such gifts with care and deliberation. In most instances suitable inscriptions must be engraved upon them. In others, perhaps, they must be forwarded to distant points to the happy recipient.

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Humphreys-Brown Is Making 7,000,000 Feet of Gas; Drilling Slowly Expecting Oil Soon

The Brown test of the Humphreys Oil company continues to hold the interest of oil scouts of all companies operating here. At 2078 feet, the rig was idle Thursday for repairs that were to be made. Drilling will resume as soon as possible.

Concerning the well the current issue of the Groesbeck Journal says: The Brown No. 1 well of the Humphreys Oil company, drilling Thursday at the depth of 2065 feet will be a producer when drilled fifty or sixty feet deeper is the belief of nearly every oil operator and scout who has been on the location and watched the progress of the operations.

The well is reported to be making 7,000,000 feet of gas with the pressure gradually increasing. The sand which is making this gas was encountered in the first few feet of drilling after the plug was drilled out Thursday of last week and is believed to be the first strata of the Woodbine sand. The formations in this well and the gas sand at the depth at which it was located compares very favorably with the field at Currie and at Powell. In each of those fields it is said that a strong gas flow was encountered in the upper strata of the Woodbine sand and that the oil production was located about fifty or sixty feet deeper. This and the formations located in the Brown test justifies one to look forward to a producing well within a few days at least.

The report current Thursday was to the effect that the well was drilling at 2065 in a very hard formation which is believed to be the cap rock and that as soon as the drill penetrates this rock that it will enter the second strata of the Woodbine sand which should produce oil in commercial quantities. There will be a few hours delay in operations it was said Thursday for some repairs on the bull wheel and drilling will be resumed as soon as this can be repaired.

The drilling of the Brown is being done very carefully on the advice of Julius Fohs, head geologist of the Humphreys Company, who thinks, it is said, that the second strata of the Woodbine will bear oil and will be located in the next few feet of drilling. Mr. Fohs has located all of

the big wells drilled by the Humphreys company in the last few years and his opinion is respected very highly by all oil operators. It will be remembered that more than two years ago Mr. Fohs made the public statement that the Brown tract, the one now being drilled was, in his opinion, one of the most favorable locations to be found in this area if not in the county.

The Texas Company Stroud well just to the north of the Brown test is reported drilling in a very hard formation at around 2600 feet. This is the third test by this company on the Stroud lease and is located a little to the south and east of the number two well which was likewise east of the number one well. Oil men are sure that this test of the Texas Company is a very favorably located and that production will be had at around 3000 feet. The formations are said to be checking very favorably with the field at Mexia.

The Arnett well of the Balcones Oil company is drilling in a hard formation at around 2700 feet and making slow but steady progress. This location is looked upon as being very favorable and those interested in the developments of this area are watching it closely. T. Frank Smith, president of the company, has been giving the test his personal attention for the past few weeks. Oil people and citizens of this section who have known Mr. Smith since he discovered gas here several years ago, have explicit confidence in his judgment and believe that his Arnett well is located in the producing area.

Casing has been set in the Yoder-Priddy well, but we were unable to learn if any further progress had

been made. The Gill well and Favara well is drilling with no new developments as far as we have been able to learn.

Trading in royalties has been very active in this area since the casing was set in the Brown test several days ago.

LOST—Mules both mares, 900 each. Black and mouse, each blind in right eye, Reunion ground district. Reward for information. R. L. Moore, R. 1, Box 57. 1862D

B. L. McDonald returned to his home at Sweetwater today, following a visit with his mother, Mrs. R. C. Jones of this city.

E. L. Smith, President of the E. L. Smith Oil Company, is a Powell visitor today.



Richard Barthelmess
in "The Bright Shawl"
At the National Theatre Monday,
Tuesday and Wednesday.

ENORMOUS DEMAND FOR DR. THACHER'S LIVER AND BLOOD SYRUP ASTOUNDS DRUGGISTS

"Nothing Like It Has Ever Been Seen Here Before," Declares Enthusiastic Druggist. Predicts Universal Use.

Never before, perhaps, within the memory of the oldest inhabitant has any medicine ever approached the remarkable record that is now being made here by Dr. Thacher's Liver and Blood Syrup.

In fact, the demand for this celebrated prescription has been so phenomenal that druggists are amazed. Nothing like it has ever been seen here before. Thousands of questions are being asked daily all over the city concerning the preparation and people of all classes and in all walks of life are obtaining a supply from the local druggists in order to test the remedy for themselves.

"In all my experience since I have been in the drug business, I have never seen anything like the number of people from far and near crowding our store every day and asking for information concerning Dr. Thacher's Liver and Blood Syrup," declared one local druggist yesterday.

"Of course, we had heard of Dr. Thacher's Liver and Blood Syrup and knew something of its remarkable merits, but we were certainly not prepared for anything like the demand that has resulted here for it," he continued.

"Really I presume I never before realized what a large percentage of our people there are who are suffering from some form of liver or stomach trouble. Many of them do not consider their condition serious, but are really miserable and anxious to find relief and are evidently convinced that Dr. Thacher's Liver and Blood Syrup will bring that relief. And from the experience of others who have been relieved of similar troubles by means of this remedy and willingly tell it to the world, it seems to me that they are certainly justified in their belief that Dr. Thacher's prescription is what they need."

"Constipation, biliousness, indigestion, stomach troubles, headaches, coated tongues, gas formation,

burning pains in stomach, shortness of breath, dizziness, spots before the eyes, night sweats, rheumatic pains, loss of sleep, a tired feeling and coughs and colds seem to be the complaints of the majority of the people who call and some of them are already reporting very satisfactory results after a course of Dr. Thacher's treatment.

"Another compelling motive that doubtless has attracted many is the magnanimous offer made by the Thacher Laboratories, which virtually amounts to a free trial. They have given us and all other dealers who handle Dr. Thacher's Liver and Blood Syrup, positive orders to return the money paid for the first bottle if the customer declares he or she has received no benefit from taking it."

"I don't pose as a prophet, but from the way the interest in this medicine is growing, I can safely predict that Dr. Thacher's Liver and Blood Syrup will soon be regarded as a standard household remedy and that before long the Thacher Laboratories will be taxed to the limit to supply the demand."

Dr. Thacher's Liver and Blood Syrup is sold by leading druggists. Dr. Thacher's Liver and Blood Syrup is sold in Mexia by the Mexia Drug Co. (Adv.)

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to take this means of expressing to the public an especially to those who have extended the hands of loving sympathy in our recent sorrows and bereavements the most earnest gratefulness that is in our hearts. For flowers, words of

condolence, acts of helpful service and prayers for grace in our gloom following the death of a dear husband and father, we are thankful and hope and pray God's richest benedictions on one and all.—Mrs. W.A. Hicks and family.

Dr. David Carson Bayless left to-

day for Ohio, Northwestern University at Ada Oklahoma, where he will preach the Baccalaureate sermon Sunday.

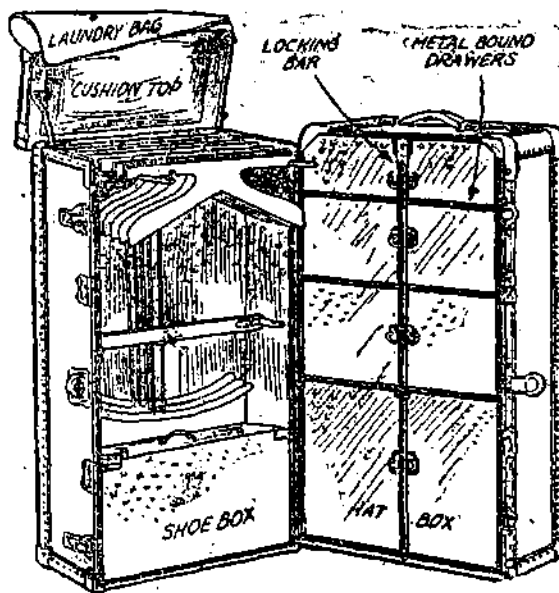
George Perkins of Waxahachie has been in the city for several days, helping Build a Bigger and Better Mexia. He's a carpenter.

Bescher, Spudder first sacker, lifted one over the right field wall in the ninth and enabled San Antonio to defeat the Crabs, 4 to 3.

Mrs. Benton Jones returned Thursday from Terrell where she spent a few days on a visit with her parents.



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76 RECOVERED FROM SCHOOL FIRE RUINS

Bomb Explodes in U. S. Consulate in Mexico

WATERFALL ALMOST INUNDATES CITY OF BEAUMONT

None Are Injured No Arrests Follow

MEXICO CITY, May 18.—A powerful bomb exploded in the basement of the building occupied by the American consulate here early today. None were injured and no damage done to the consulate's office. No arrests.

It may be that the bomb explosion was an attempt by enemies to recognition who resorted to that method to confuse minds assembled at conference.

Colorado Storm Relief Fund Is Being Raised

Those desiring to respond to the call of Colorado citizens for aid for the storm victims of Mitchell County, Texas, are urged to send in their checks to The News Publishing Company, hand them to Mr. Jean Ormsby, City Circulator at the Pioneer News Stand, or bring them in person to the office of The Mexia Daily News. Make all checks payable to the Colorado Relief Fund.

The fund today stands:
Charles P. Tindley, \$5.00.
Cash, 50c.
C. J. Kaulh, \$5.00.
Cash, \$1.00.
J. Sanford Smith, \$25.00.
Cash, \$1.00.
All who desire to make a Thanksgiving and Good Will contribution to this fund for fellow Texans in need are urged to do so at once, in order that the money may be forwarded by the first of this coming week.
The Mexia Daily News.

Expert Fire Fighters At Powell Now

The fire at the McKie at Powell was still burning this morning. All efforts of the week to exterminate it have proven futile. Mrs. J. K. Hughes stated just before she left for Corsicana and Powell at noon, that Mr. Hughes has secured the services of three expert fire fighters, well known in other fields, who are this afternoon working to exterminate it as soon as possible.

Many relocations have been made in the new field, and much more activity will start as soon as the disastrous blaze is put out.
George Peyton went to Powell on the noon train and will confer with Mr. Hughes while there.
E. L. Smith of the E. L. Smith Oil company also is in Powell today where he went to see after the interests of the company there. A location has been made and the derrick is going up for an E. L. Smith operation on the Erwin tract, about a mile Southeast of the McKie.
The Texas company has made a new location there also.

The Humble company has made two locations.
Other companies are likewise busy. It is understood that the pipe line of the Humble company is being laid to connect at Carrie.
The Humble company employees held their second annual reunion at the Reunion Ground, Thursday which was pronounced the best that the

Bonar Law Is Hardly Able To Speak At All

PARIS, May 18.—Scarcely able to speak and showing no improvement, Bonar Law today was forced to refuse a luncheon invitation from Premier Poincare. Law is suffering with a throat affection. Lord Beaverbrook, publisher of the Daily Express of London, is in conference with the British premier today and it is understood that they discussed the possible successor to Law. Beaverbrook came hurriedly to Paris last night.

LONDON, May 18.—Bonar Law is feared by friends to be critically ill. Sir Thomas Horder, famous British heart specialist, hurried to Paris, where Law is under physicians' care according to the Daily Express.

Former State Senator Announces Candidacy For Congress 3rd Dist.

DALLAS, May 18.—B. B. Sturgeon former State senator from the third senatorial district and for six years county attorney of Lamar county, has announced his candidacy for Congress from this district, subject to the action of the Democratic primary next year.
Aid for stock raisers, immigration and a soldier bonus are certain to be among the more important issues in the next political campaign, Sturgeon believes.

Sturgeon declared he would favor more stringent immigration laws, a fair bonus for former service men and insist on a just return for farm and ranch products through legislative action.
"Prohibition will be among the more important issues of the next campaign," declared Sturgeon. "I believe that the government is amply able to enforce all its laws and to that end I will, if elected aid in the rigid adherence to our national prohibition act."

Mrs. J. K. Hughes left at noon for Corsicana, where Mr. Hughes has been all this week.

Purnell Reigns In Pomp And Splendor In Michigan "Valley Of The Kings"

MARRIAGE LICENSES
Jesse Jack and Pearl Murray.
S. A. Prewitt and Hellen Earle Tate.
J. N. Able and Marie Cole.
Geo. Little and Viola Jaskson.
A. C. Gary and Roselle Williams.
Lloyd Seale and Rubie Thomason.
W. H. Nichols and Unar Childress.
Levi Lindley and Azaline Long.
Policarpo Ruiz and Aurelia Ybana.
Raymond Benson and Addie Jones.
W. R. Williams and Effie Ellis.

BIRTHS
The following births were recorded during the week ending May 15:
To Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jeordan of Personville, a son on May 10.
To Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Browder of Groesbeck, a son on May 9.
To Mr. and Mrs. Lon Massingill of Kosse, a daughter on May 8.
To Mr. and Mrs. Colbert Gregory of Groesbeck, a daughter on May 15.

City Struck By Waterspout At An Early Hour

BEAUMONT, Texas, May 18.—A near water spout which fell here at 6:00 a. m., and a heavy rain that is still falling early today has the city almost inundated. Street cars are stopped, automobiles stranded everywhere, and water is running over curbs, flooding business houses.

President Driscoll, Texas Bankers Association, Says Texas Is On the High Road to Prosperity this Year

YOAKUM, Texas, May 18.—Texas is on the high road to prosperity and a determination exists throughout the state to make the present year the banner year in Texas production and Texas industrial affairs.
This was the thought expressed by M. C. Driscoll, president of the Texas Bankers Association in an exclusive interview with the United Press.

Driscoll has just completed a tour of Texas and is probably better acquainted with business, industrial and agricultural conditions in this state than any other person.
"As president of the Texas Bankers' Association, it has been my duty as well as my privilege, to visit almost every portion of the state," said Driscoll, "and I find among bankers whom I have visited and the business men with whom I have talked a general feeling of optimism and a determination on the part of everyone to make the present year the banner year in Texas production and Texas industrial affairs."

"The cotton farmers have been somewhat retarded in their planting by cold weather and excessive rains in some portions of the state, but a very large percentage of the cotton is now planted and up, and gives promise of yielding in abundance.
"The grain farmers are far advanced and are looking forward to a splendid grain crop, which will soon be ready for harvesting.
"I do not believe that I have ever seen a corn crop in Texas further advanced at the present time.
"The sheep and goat men are feeling very optimistic and happy, and they have a right to be, for with range conditions almost ideal and wool and mohair selling at from 55 to 60 cents per pound, I know no reason why optimism should not prevail among them.
"The onion and vegetable farmers in South Texas have just marketed their crops and all report satisfactory yield, as well as satisfactory prices.
"There is a great activity in the oil industry and the lumber industry as well as in the rice and sulphur industries, and from every viewpoint Texas gives promise of having a very prosperous and successful year.
"There is only one dark cloud in the sky, and that is the cattle industry, but recent advances have put new hope and new ambition in the cattlemen, and they have resolved to 'beat it back' as it were, and when this important industry has been fully revived, you may say that Texas can look the entire world in the face and maintain an air of contentment."

Search In Debris Continues Today

CLEVELAND, S. C., May 18.—Seventy four bodies of men, women and children have been recovered early today from the ruins of a school house here destroyed by fire when a kerosene lamp fell from the ceiling during a school entertainment.
Panic followed the falling of the lamp. The crowd stampeded from the hall and most of the victims were caught in a small hall way, eight feet square, at the foot of the stairs. They packed in that space so tightly that the flames caught them before they could escape.

Search of the ruins is continuing.
The flames spread so rapidly that within fifteen minutes the building was a mass of fire.
Many of those in the audience leaped from second story windows.

In addition to those burned and trampled to death in the panic dozens are in the hospitals today suffering from bruises on legs and arms.

Two persons who leaped suffered broken backs.
Most of the bodies so far recovered have not been identified, being so badly burned.

Police and doctors from Camden and other near by towns hastened to Cleveland when news of the disaster reached them.
Many of the injured are being cared for in improvised hospitals and in the homes of Cleveland residents.

Between a four hundred and eight hundred were packed in the hall on the second floor of the country school house for the entertainment. Most of these were country folks who had driven in in their automobiles and horse drawn vehicles to see their children take part in the entertainment.

Only a few people from Camden and near by towns attended

Commissioners 25 Are Hurt Increase Terms of Court

Commissioner John Kennedy states that the terms of the county court have been changed so as to provide a term of the court for each month in the year according to an order passed by the Commissioners Court at its regular meeting Monday of this week. This action will be a decided advantage as the docket of the county court was getting so large and congested on account of the oil field business that very little was possible to be done. The order changing the terms of the court, which follows: is effective beginning with the June term:
"Be it ordered by the Commissioner Court in and for Limestone County, Texas, sitting at a regular term thereof:
"1. That there shall hereafter be held within and for the County of Limestone, a term of the County Court, for Probate, Civil and Criminal business commencing on the first Monday in the months of January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December, in each year, which terms shall continue in session until the end of the week last preceding the first Monday in the next month.
"The second week of each of said terms of said court shall be and is hereby designated as the week for the trial of civil business, and Monday of said week shall be and is hereby designated as the day for taking up and disposing of Probate business. But this designation shall not prevent the trial and disposition of Civil and Probate business at any other time during said term by consent of the parties, and the Judge of said Court.
"2. That there shall also be held within and for said County of Limestone a term of the said County Court, for Criminal business only, commencing on the first Monday in the month of January, February,

**Santone Shows Decrease
In Savings Accounts**
SAN ANTONIO, May 18.—A decrease of \$1,072 was shown in postal saving accounts for the month of April over the previous month.
The total postal savings accounts for April was \$112,847 while the preceding month was \$113,919.
The total amount of domestic money orders paid during the month of April was \$185,165.21 and those issued amounted to \$11,543.41. Foreign money orders paid out during April totaled \$3,964.98 and those issued amounted to \$3,125.

AUSTIN, May 18.—The United States congress would be requested to fully investigate charges against Earle Mayfield in the contest against his election, under provisions of a resolution introduced in the Senate today. The resolution was laid on the table subject to call.
March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December, in each year, and each of said terms shall continue in session until the end of the week last preceding the first Monday in the next month.
"3. That this order shall take effect and be in force from and after the first Monday in June, A. D. 1923, Passed and entered on this the 14th day of May A. D. 1923."

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WITHOUT COMMENT

Domestic statisticians estimate that one divorce is being granted for every five marriage licenses issued. Such was the rate in Chicago during first three months of 1923. In ten years the ratio of domestic wrecks to marriages has approximately doubled. Judges in their chambers ascribe the growth most largely to changing economic conditions and to let down in the old fashioned family life with its teachings and its restraints. Chicago always does things on large scale, particularly those things that can not be said to be worthy of emulation.—Terrell Transcript.

A neighbor editor, who has contracted the habit of attending church, has this to say:

"Dadies should remove their hats in church. No preacher can inspire a man whose looking into a lop sided aggregation of dead birds, stuffed weasels, chameleon skins, straw flowers, ribbons, beads, jets, sticks corn tassels and thistle down. It makes a sinner feel lost in the wilderness.—Ex.

The people who need more religion are: The man who lets his horse stand in the rain all day without a blanket; the man who growls like a beast with a sore head when his wife asks him for money; the woman who whispers it around that someone else is not just what she ought to be; the preacher who is always looking for an easier place and higher salary; the man who walks the streets with his hands in his pockets while his wife carries the baby.—Ex.

Another one of our neighbor papers has the following warning to its delinquents:

"You may approximate the stars in a nail keg, hang the ocean on a grapevine to dry, wipe the nose of a cyclone with a barber towel, cut off the tail of a tornado for a keepsake, put the sky in the ground to soak, unbuckle the belly band of eternity and open the sun and moon as health resorts, but never be deluded with the idea that you can escape hell and eternal damnation if you don't pay for this paper."—Ex.

Every idle loafer in the city or town is a liability, not an asset, and the sooner those barnacles, fungus growths, are put to work producing as well as consuming, the quicker the tidal wave of crime and lawlessness will be stopped. No use to wait for the "grim reaper," he operates too slowly for the present day bunch of hood-makers and peddlers, the drunkards gamblers and spotters of the homes. Let the law begin to function through the officers who have sworn to enforce the laws. Every man,

woman and child irrespective of color, is either an asset or a liability. Which are you? If you are not a benefit you are otherwise. What are you?—Victoria Facts.

A THIRTEENTH JUROR

Ohio is undertaking an interesting experiment in jurisprudence. Governor Donahey has approved an act of the legislature providing a thirteenth juror in jury trials. The additional juror will hear all the evidence and the charge, but it will not vote on a verdict unless one of the other jurors is unable to complete the case.

Adoption of this statute was promoted largely by the number of instances in which mistrials have occurred on account of a juror becoming incapable of continuing in the case. The remaining jurors were not permitted to agree upon a verdict, but it became necessary for the county to assume the cost of another trial.

If the adoption of the plan of having a thirteenth person in the jury box should have the effect of rendering unlikely the loss involved in a mistrial, it should serve a useful purpose in expediting justice and saving the money of the tax payers. That would constitute all the justification it needs.—Bonham News.

WATCHING THE SCOREBOARD

Houston bunched hits in the 8th, scored twice and defeated the Steers, 3 to 2.

The Exporters won a slugfest from the Gassers, 13 to 9.

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Thedford's Black-Draught Liver Medicine (Vegetable) Praised by the Head of a Louisiana Family.

Lake Charles, La.—"I don't know what we would have done had we not had Black-Draught. It sure is one of the best medicines made, and am sure the best liver medicine," said Mr. Henry Garrett, of this city.

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"I, myself, use Black-Draught for indigestion, and it is fine."

"We used pills and tablets and other laxatives, but they never seemed to do us good, but the Black-Draught sure has, and it has come to our house to stay. We give it to our daughter for headache and torpid liver."

"I am glad to recommend anything that has been the help to my family that Black-Draught has."

"My present health is good. Have two boxes of Black-Draught in the house now."

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NEW PLAN FORMED FOR DECIDING
HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL WINNERS
ANNOUNCED BY TEXAS UNIVERSITY

Austin, Texas, May 18th.—After months of careful study and voluminous correspondence with high school superintendents, principals and coaches in all parts of the state, the University of Texas intercollegiate League has announced a plan for determining the State championship in high school football for the 1923 season. A slight revision in the six-city sections, has been made, which, it is believed, affords a division of area and teams as fair to all as it is possible to make it. The salient points of the old plan remain in the new.

More than 100 schools have already accepted the plan. This is the largest number that has ever been on the League list before the football season and is thought due to two reasons: first, the unqualified success of the League's activities in football since 1920, and second, the fact that the

forthcoming season is the result of three years of experience. It is no experiment and is therefore satisfactory to a much larger number of schools. Schools may enroll for participation at any time before October 1. The following are "in":

Abilene, Albany, Alvin, Atlanta, Austin.

Ballinger, Bay City, Bartlett, Beaumont, South Park, Beeville, Borden, Brownsville, Brownwood, Bryan, Burnet, Burleson.

Calwell, Calvert, Cameron (C. H. Lee), Canadian, Canyon, Childress, Chilton, Cisco, Cleveland, Claude, Cleburne, Coleman, Comanche, Comstock, Cooper, Corsicana, Crockett, Crowsell.

Dallas (Oak Cliff), Dayton, Decatur,

Delmar, Denison, Devine, Donna, Dublin, Eagle Lake, Eagle Pass, Edinburg, El Campo, Electra, Ennis, Fallsburg, Farwell, Floresville, Floydada, Forney, Fort Stockton, Galveston (Ball High), Gatesville, Gilmore, Gordon, Graham, Granger, Hamlin, Harrisburg, Haskell, Kearney, Henrietta, Hereford, Honey Grove, Houston, (Heights Senior High) Hubbard.

Italy, Itasca, Junction, Kaufman, Kenedy, Kerens, Knox City.

La Grange, La Porte, Laredo, Leake, Littlefield, Lockhart, Lockney, Longview, Lott, Lubbock, Lufkin.

Marlin, Marshall, Fort Worth (Masonic Home High) McKinney, McLennan, Memphis, Mercedes, Meridian, Merrell, Mertens, Miami, Midland, Mineral Wells, Mincoia, Mt. Pleasant.

Navasota, Nacoga, Orange, Paducah, Palestine, Pampa, Panhandle, Paris, Plainview, Pearsall, Port Arthur, Quanah.

Ralls, Ranger, Rosebud, Rosenberg, Runge, Rush.

San Angelo, San Antonio (Bracken-

ridge) San Antonio, Main Avenue, San Marcos, San Saba, Santa Anna, Schulenburg, Seguin, Seymour, (Central High) Silverton, Slater, Slaterville, Sour Lake, Stephenville, Strawn, Taft, Tahoka, Teague, Temple, Terrell, Tyler.

Venus, Victoria, Waco, Wellington, Weslaco, West Columbia, Whiteboro, Whitewright, Wichita Falls, Winnabow, Yorktown.

LIBRARY OPENS FROM

11:30 TO 6 DAILY

The Mexia Public Library is now open every week day from 11:30 to 6. The public is most cordially invited to visit this institution at all times and to report to its advancement to the fullest degree that it affords.

Charlie Jones, a local humorist friend of the writer, and who built the old wooden depot here for the Central that was burned a few years ago, was in the city today from his home in Iowa and visited with us for a few minutes.

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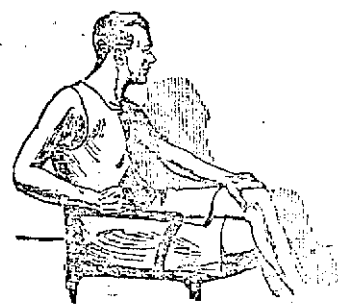
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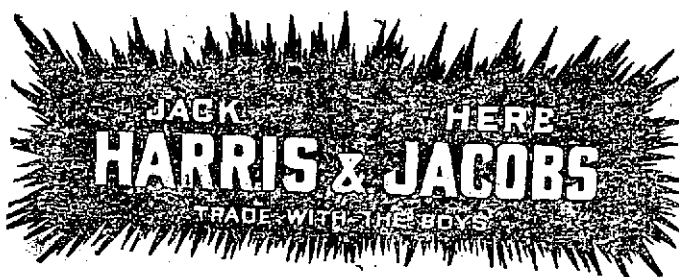
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Gushers Win Fast Game With The Rangers

By HECK

Well, you stay-at-homes sure missed the game you have been looking for so long by not being present at Thursday's battle at Nowlin park between the Austin Rangers and our Gusher crew. Meeks carried his sore arm into the box on a pillow and just naturally bluffed the Rangers into submission and if he had anything but his glove I was never able to see it and they tell me that Coca Cola don't weaken the eye sight—but he did have Rod Whitney behind the plate and that tells the story. At exactly 4:04 Mexia Time Umpire Akin called "Play" and at exactly 5:18 Gus Leedy ran into right field and speared Snoozer Clements short fly for the third out in the ninth making the official time of the game one hour and fourteen minutes, which is going some if you will let me say it. Mexia scored a run in the first frame which was a plenty but we would not believe it. Geppert opened with a single to right. Royster sacrificed the Dollar Bill to second and Gus Leedy smacked a single to left that let Squib breeze over the pan for the counter. The other tally came in the sixth after two were away when Royster hit one a mile high that dropped close to the right field fence and then shimmied on over the wall giving the sorrel top first baseman a homerun. Beyond that Whitworth pitched a game that should win in any man's league but the present stage of Ranger luck is so rotten that they could not score a run on five hits in an inning.

Both clubs played errorless ball and each pitcher received brilliant support. Claude Bryan stopped the Rangers in a rally when he speared Holloway's drive off the right-center fence and Johnson the Ranger left fielder made a great catch of Meek's drive against the score board.

Both infields smothered everything that looked like a hit and several really sensational plays were turned in by both clubs. Roy Akin made his De-But as an umpire and did just what we all knew he would do—gave us one of the best umpired games seen on the local lot. Roy's signing by President Davidson means the passing of Dock Spencer who will either land as an umpire in the League or Nations or go back to his barber shop in El Paso. Dock is probably a good barber but he is the greatest 24 Karat "Bust" as an umpire on record.

Lefty McCaw will shoot his south paw slants at the Rangers today and I have a hunch that A. Hankin Johnson (himself) will try to scare us with his record as an old big leaguer. Hub's gang can't be scared or Don Flynn, Cecil Griggs, or some of those other "hard" birds with the Waco Indians would have scared them to death our last trip to the village on the Brazos.

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does Waco get off with Don Flynn Cecil Griggs, Red Hill, Dirty Waller, Pat Harkins and goodness knows who else who are all above the "Four—no limit men." Looks to me like Dupuy is putting it over on the balance of the clubs and making that rule a joke. You can take my tip right now for a grand blowup if the club owners let Dupuy or anyone else get away with that kind of stuff. By July this league will be nothing but an Old Soldiers Reunion and that is exactly what broke the T-O league last season. Either enforce the rules or let's quit right now and not have the fans balked by such stuff as they had crammed down their throats last season. Mexia may be small fry in the league but all the same she has plenty of baseball brains and this kind of bunk will not down.

GAME BY INNINGS

First Inning.

Austin—Johnson out pitcher to first Chaney flew out to first, Holloway flew out to center.

Mexia—Geppert doubled to right, Royster sacrificed Geppert to third, Leedy singled to right scoring Geppert, Butler forced Leedy at second, second to short on bag, Bechtol flew out to right.

Second Inning.

Austin—Falk flew out to left, Bechtol making fine run and catch, Crow flew out to center, Clements flew out to left.

Mexia—Bryan flew out to right, Howell went out to first unassisted, Whitney fanned.

Third Inning.

Austin—Jonas singled to left, Henderson forced Janar at second, short to second, Whitworth batting, Henderson caught trying to steal, catcher to second, Whitworth flew out to center.

Mexia—Meeks flew out to right, Geppert singled to right, Royster forced Geppert at second Leedy batting, Royster out at second on steal, catcher to second.

Fourth Inning.

Austin—Johnson flew out to right Chaney out second to first, Holloway walked, Falk flew out to right.

Mexia—Leedy out third to first, Butler out second to first, Bechtol went out to first unassisted.

Fifth Inning.

Austin—Crow out pitcher to first, Clements went out third to first, Janar singled to center, Henderson singled to right, Janar going to third, Whitworth forced Henderson at second, second to short covering bag.

Mexia—Bryan out third to first, Howell flew out to second, Whitney flew out to right.

Sixth Inning.

Austin—Johnson out second to first Chaney fanned, Holloway flew out to

Bryan who made a great catch on W. A. Jackson sign one handed.

Mexia—Meeks out third to first, Geppert out with fly to left, Royster got a homer when high fly to right bounced over wall, Leedy singled to left, Butler singled to left, Bechtol flew out to first.

Seventh Inning.

Austin—Falk out third to first, Crow singled to right center, Clements flew out to center, Janar walked, Henderson out third to first.

Mexia—Bryan singled to right, Howell singled to right, Whitney flew out to center, Meeks flew out to left who made beautiful catch, Geppert out catcher to first.

Eighth Inning.

Austin—Whitworth flew out to right, Johnson out short to first, Chaney out short to first.

Mexia—Royster out pitcher to first, Leedy out third to first, Butler walked, Bechtol batting, Butler went out trying to steal, catcher to second.

Ninth Inning.

Austin—Holloway fanned, Falk got a two bagger to right field wall, Crow out short to first, Falk advancing, Clements flew out to second.

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Patterson's Column



Please read by advertisement Sunday.

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Personally I think some of my Ads ARE rather clever, but following my well known custom of NEVER BOASTING I rarely comment favorably upon them.

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Come into my store, you who read and don't know us. We want to meet you. I'll bet you like us. My wife is my partner. We are both married to each other—and have been for more than thirteen years.

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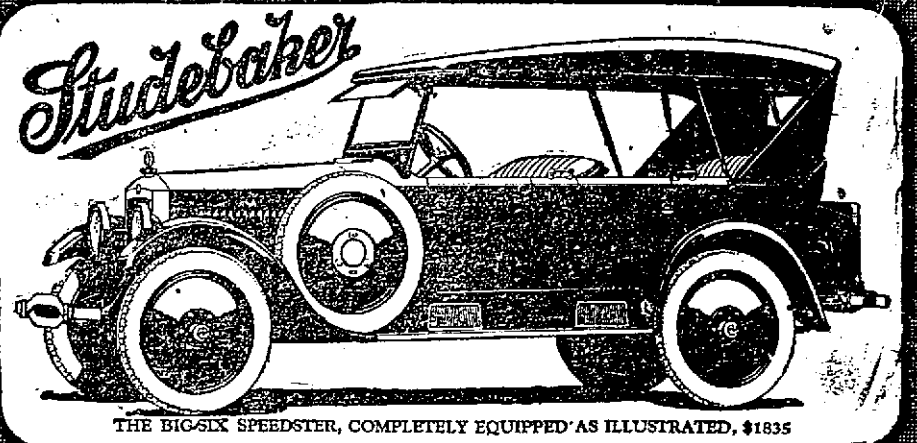
NYACK, N. Y.—Edith Schupner is not nearly as worried as are physicians over the fact she swallowed three pins while sewing. "I can feel them, but they don't hurt" she said.

Bescher, Spudder first sacker, lifted one over the right field wall in the ninth and enabled San Antonio to defeat the Crabs, 4 to 3.

Mrs. Benton Jones returned Thursday from Terrell where she spent a few days on a visit with her parents.

FOR SALE—Milk cow giving three gallons of milk per day, see P. Beyer, six miles east of Mexia at Cotton Gin.

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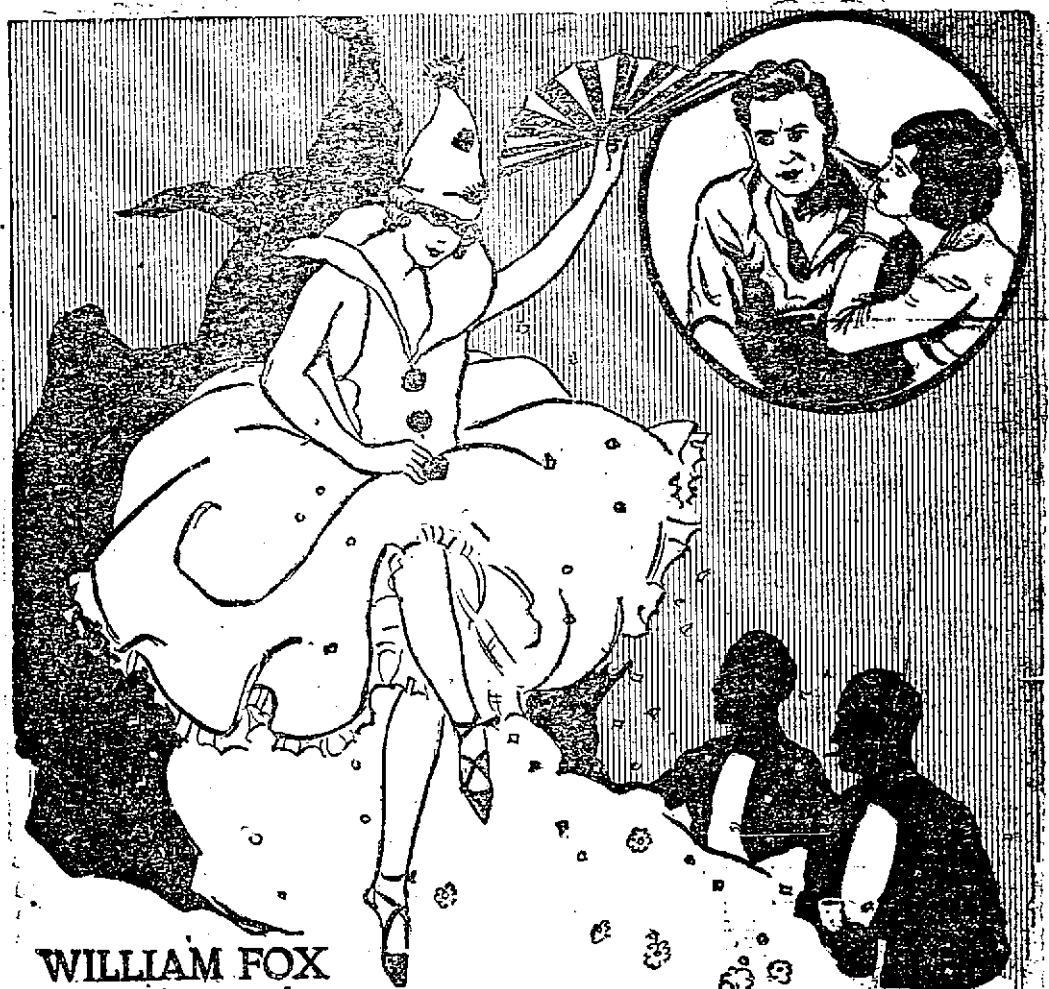
of course there was a girl in it. Her name was June—but she looked like a whole calendar to him And here he was back in the old home town with a stray kid in tow and nobody would believe he was alive—they told him he was dead—and even June believed it. Mystery? Sure for there was a fortune and a girl at the end of the Sunshine Trail—and he had to have both, so he started out to show the old folks at home how a real live ghost acts when it gets excited. A Typical Zypical Douglas MacLean Comedy-Romance, with Edith Roberts and a great Ince Cast—and a smile every mile along the way.

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Benediction.

George Perkins of Waxahachie has been in the city for several days, helping Build a Bigger and Better Mexia. He's a carpenter.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to take this means of expressing to the public an especially to those who have extended the hands of loving sympathy in our recent sorrows and bereavements the most earnest gratefulness that is in our hearts. For flowers, words of condolence, acts of helpful service and prayers for grace in our gloom following the death of a dear husband and father, we are thankful and hope and pray God's richest benedictions on one and all.—Mrs. W.A. Hicks and family.

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B. L. McDonald returned to his home at Sweetwater today, following a visit with his mother, Mrs. R. C. Jones of this city.

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E. L. Smith, President of the E. L. Smith Oil Company, is a Powell visitor today.

High-Court Affirms Scotty Ferguson case

GROESBECK, May 18.—Attorney L. W. Sheppard was notified by wire early this week that the Court of Criminal Appeals at Austin had affirmed the case of the State of Texas against Scotty Ferguson.

Mr. Sheppard said that Ferguson was tried in the District Court here on a charge of murder and was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. The case was appealed and the Court of Criminal Appeals first reversed and remanded the cases, but upon the motion of Mr. Sheppard it was reconsidered with the result that the trial of the case in the court here was affirmed.

John Harrison left at noon for Ranger after a business trip here.

Miss Minnie Guberman of Berlin, Germany, arrived Wednesday on a visit with her sister, Mrs. Sam Pelz of this city.

SHERIFF THROWS ACTOR INTO JAIL, SUSPECTED OF BANK ROBBERY

Arrested on the suspicion that he was a bank bandit posing as a moving picture actor, Douglas MacLean recently had an opportunity to get realistic atmosphere for the jail scenes in "The Sunshine Trail," Thomas H. Ince's new comedy-drama.

The arrest took place in the Mojave desert where the Ince studio staff, under the leadership of Director James H. Hone, were filming a motorcycle chasing a car full of "bandits."

The car ran into a ditch, and in the auto-smashup an actor, caught underneath the overturned car had his shoulder blade broken.

MacLean and the studio staff were busy getting the car off this actor when a desert deputy sheriff strolled up.

"I been watchin' you fellers from

behind a hisnaga all afternoon," he said, "and I don't like your looks. You better come on into town with me."

The Ince studio staff protested vigorously, but MacLean interrupted. "That's quite all right, sheriff," he said. "It's true that we might be bank robbers posing as motion picture actors. But I want to make you a proposal. If we really prove that we are picture actors and not burglars will you kindly throw me into jail? We'd like very much to make a motion picture with me on the inside looking out. How about it?"

"You're on," said the deputy. "Come along."

Upon reaching the desert town's telegraph office the Ince company quickly proved that they were what they represented themselves to be. And the deputy sheriff lived up to his promise.

George Peyton is in Corsicana to

MOTHER LEAVES BABY IN UNWILLING HANDS OF DOUGLAS MACLEAN

Douglas MacLean, star of Thomas H. Ince's "The Sunshine Trail," declares that hereafter he will have nothing to do in any way, shape or form with babies.

Just before he started playing the principal role in "The Sunshine Trail" at the Ince studios in Culver City, Cal., MacLean started out on a personal appearance tour in the principal cities of the country.

In a little Missouri town the train made a short stop and local photographer "Tans" boarded his car. Among the passengers was a young mother.

This young woman put her baby on MacLean's lap. MacLean's professional thought that the baby and the Ince star together would make a good "shot" and set up his camera in the car aisle. The mother was edged into the background.

When the picture was finally taken

It was found that the conductor had hugged all the town folks, including the mother, off the train. And MacLean found himself with one peculiarly good baby in his hands.

MacLean tried to play it cool and far as the baby, whose mother wanted another occasion like on the train, "Never again," says MacLean. "I can't imagine any one putting a baby in my professional hands."

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STEWART TOWN

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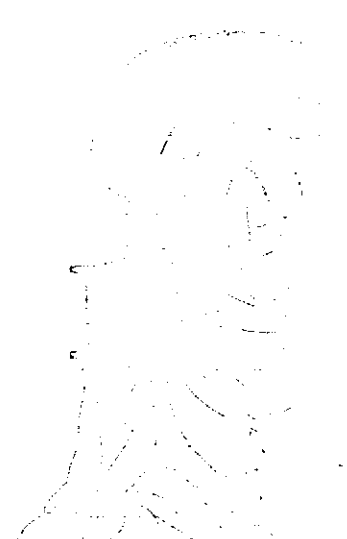
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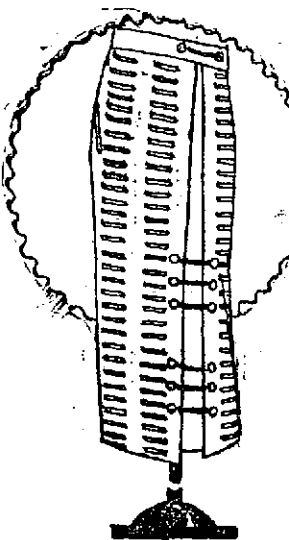
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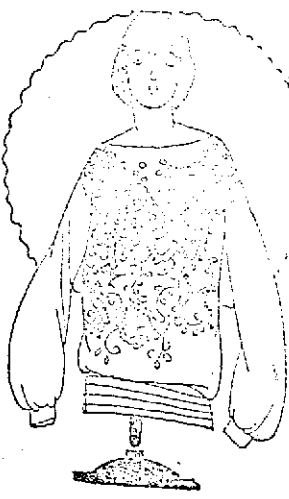
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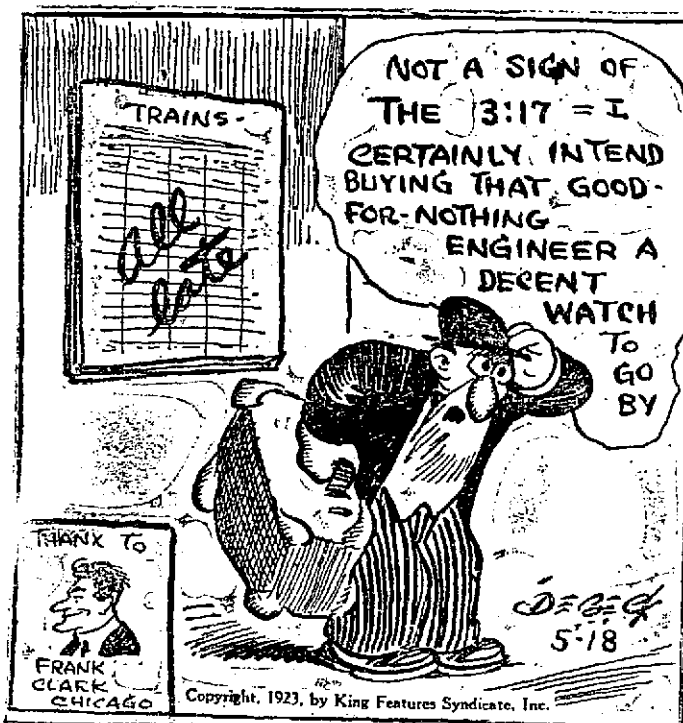
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"While I was in Mary's retinue, I acted as a spotter for Benjamin. I was forced to work in the restaurant and do other hard labor.

"Benjamin's girls arose early, when a general bell was sounded, to be prepared for his appearance. Breakfast, consisting of the choicest fruits and carefully selected and prepared food, was ready for service to the king in bed, if he desired.

"While Benjamin and his virgins were satisfying their appetites with the best of foods, the other members of the colony were given only the plainest victuals.

"They never had eggs, butter and cream. Of course none in the entire family eats meats.

"The king seldom appeared on the grounds except on State occasions. He worked through handpicked assistants. When he did appear he was always surrounded by a bevy of beautiful girls. He rode with them in a glass enclosed car upon the miniature railway to various parts of the estate. "All the girls sought the honor of caring for Benjamin's room, of arranging his room and helping him with his toilet.

"Religious services and ceremonies

were few. On the last Friday of each month all the brothers and sisters more than 12 years of age were summoned to the assembly hall to hear Benjamin preach. He spoke plainly especially on the doctrine which provides that women must lead virgin lives and the men must keep a pledge of celibacy.

"On various occasions decreed by Benjamin the cleansing fountain ceremony was held to 'purify the blood' of the elect. There was no ceremonial attached. We simply wrote out confessions of our misdeeds, filed through an assembly hall and dropped papers bearing our signatures into a large waste basket. These were taken to Benjamin. Although he declared he never read them I know he did because of the matters he called to my attention which he could not possibly have known of otherwise.

Lavina said in order to further test the "faith" and "cleanse the blood" of Shiloh girls, Benjamin made strange proposals as the fancy suited. He attempted to test Lavina's faith while she was working in a Shiloh pantry, the girl testified before the grand jury investigating the cult but she rebelled and escaped.

CAMPAIGN MESSAGE IS BROADCAST BY RADIO

For the second time an address in the interest of the 75 million campaign has been broadcast from Birmingham, through the courtesy of the Alabama Power Company, the latest message

being that delivered by Dr. George W. Truett at a sectional Campaign rally in the Alabama metropolis.

MANY VOLUNTEER FOR FOREIGN MISSION FIELDS

According to Dr. J. F. Love, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, he has on file the names of 669 Baptist young people of the South who have definitely dedicated their lives to foreign mission service and are now in training to prepare themselves for that work.

Purnell Reigns

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and primed by a maid in waiting. His bath was prepared, clothes carefully arranged and every want anticipated by the score of elect "sisters," who vied with each other for the honor of administering to the personal wants of the self-styled "brother of Jesus Christ."

The chosen Shiloh girls, arrayed in the finest silks while their less fortunate "sisters" in the colony were allowed only roughest cotton clothes of plainest styles, maintained the royal apartment.

The king's rooms were furnished with rich tapestries and with luxurious couches and divans. Valuable paintings graced the walls. A thousand workers from every walk of life from preaching to peanut selling furnished the gold for the upkeep of this retinue.

The inside story of life in this Twentieth Century American harem, was revealed to the United Press today by a 20-year old girl who acted as a "spotter" and detective, reporting directly to "King Ben" any outside indiscretions among his flock.

Lavina Johnson Henger, whose chief ambition in her four years in the colony was to be elevated to a position of lady in waiting upon Benjamin, only to find the laurels concealing a crown of thorns upon attainment, revealed for the first time the intimate details of the life of Benjamin.

Lavina, who kept the faith as promulgated by the Israelites and obeyed laws to the letter while serving as

Benjamin's private detective and hula dancer, told a frank and open story of her life in the colony. Her black eyes flashed a bitter hatred and strong resentment as she disclosed her story of her associations with Benjamin, culminating, she declares, when the "king" attempted a vicious attack upon her under the guise of a religious rite.

"Benjamin seldom slept at night," Lavina said. "There was always a light in his room. He said he did his work then, preparing his writings and prophecies. He slept in the day time. The spirits were abroad in the night time and they would inspire his works," he said.

"Twenty-three girls lived in Shiloh. They were the favored of the flock. They had nothing to do but care for Benjamin. No other men lived in the apartment. Queen Mary, the King's wife even lived in a building far separated from that of her husband.

"All other members of the colony worked hard, were given poor food and insufficient clothing.



Maybe You're a Good Guesser

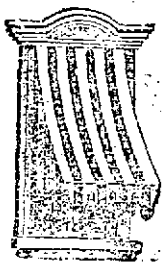
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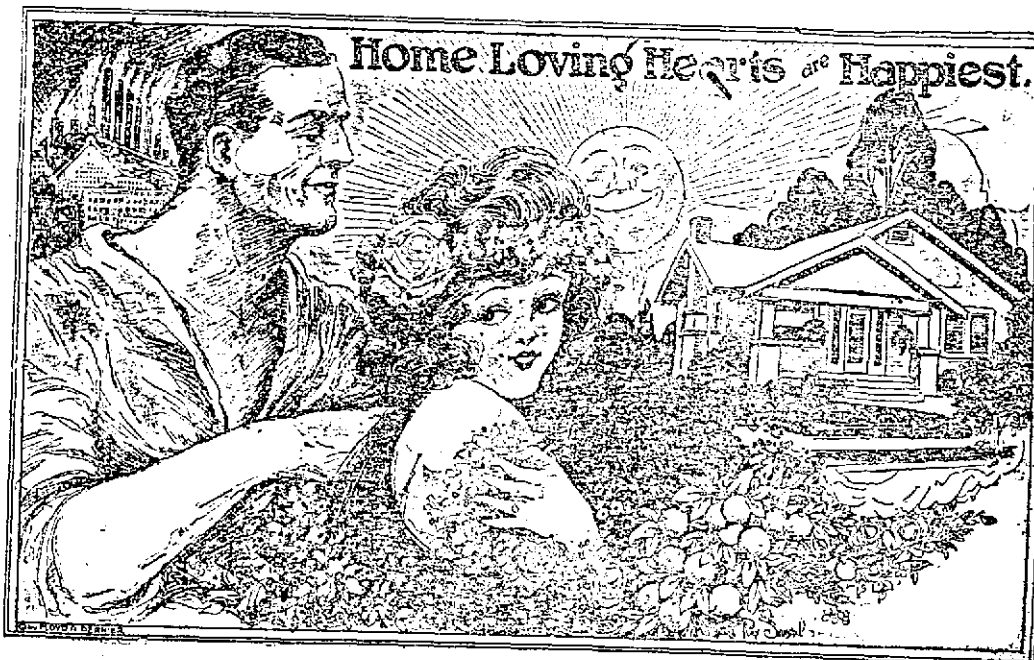
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Humphreys-Brown Is Making 7,000,000 Feet of Gas; Drilling Slowly Expecting Oil Soon

The Brown test of the Humphreys Oil company continues to hold the interest of oil scouts of all companies operating here. At 2978 feet, the rig was idle Thursday for repairs that were to be made. Drilling will resume as soon as possible.

Concerning the well the current issue of the Groesbeck Journal says:

The Brown No. 1 well of the Humphreys Oil company, drilling Thursday at the depth of 2965 feet will be a producer when drilled fifty or sixty feet deeper is the belief of nearly every oil operator and scout who has been on the location and watched the progress of the operations.

The well is reported to be making 7,000,000 feet of gas with the pressure gradually increasing. The sand which is making this gas was encountered in the first few feet of drilling after the plug was drilled out Thursday of last week and is believed to be the first strata of the Woodbine sand. The formations in this well and the gas sand at the depth at which it was located compares very favorably with the field at Currie and at Powell. In each of those fields it is said that a strong gas flow was encountered in the upper strata of the Woodbine sand and that the oil production was located about fifty or sixty feet deeper. This and the formations located in the Brown test justifies one to look forward to a producing well within a few days at least.

The report current Thursday was to the effect that the well was drilling at 2965 in a very hard formation which is believed to be the cap rock and that as soon as the drill penetrates this rock that it will enter the second strata of the Woodbine sand which should produce oil in commercial quantities. There will be a few hours delay in operations it was said Thursday for some repairs on the bull wheel and drilling will be resumed as soon as this can be repaired.

The drilling of the Brown is being done very carefully on the advice of Julius Fohs, head geologist of the Humphreys Company, who thinks, it is said, that the second strata of the Woodbine will bear oil and will be located in the next few feet of drilling. Mr. Fohs has located all of

the big wells drilled by the Humphreys company in the last few years and his opinion is respected very highly by all oil operators. It will be remembered that more than two years ago Mr. Fohs made the public statement that the Brown tract, the one now being drilled was, in his opinion, one of the most favorable locations to be found in this area if not in the county.

The Texas Company Stroud well just to the north of the Brown test is reported drilling in a very hard formation at around 2600 feet. This is the third test by this company on the Stroud lease and is located a little to the south and east of the number two well which was likewise east of the number one well. Oil men are sure that this test of the Texas Company is a very favorably located area that production will be had at around 3000 feet. The formations are said to be checking very favorably with the field at Mexico.

The Arnett well of the Balcones Oil company is drilling in a hard formation at around 2700 feet and making slow but steady progress. This location is looked upon as being very favorable and those interested in the developments of this area are watching it closely. T. Frank Smith president of the company, has been giving the test his personal attention for the past few weeks. Oil people and citizens of this section who have known Mr. Smith since he discovered gas here several years ago, have explicit confidence in his judgment and believe that his Arnett well is located in the producing area.

Casing has been set in the Yoder-Priddy well, but we were unable to learn if any further progress had

been made. The Gill well and Favors well is drilling with no new developments as far as we have been able to learn.

Trading in royalties has been very active in this area since the casing was set in the Brown test several days ago.

LOST—Mules both mares, 900 each. Black and mouse, each blind in right eye, Reunion ground district. Reward for information. R. L. Moore, R. 1, Box 57. 18d2D

B. L. McDonald returned to his home at Sweetwater today, following a visit with his mother, Mrs. R. C. Jones of this city.

E. L. Smith, President of the E. L. Smith Oil Company, is a Powell visitor today.



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condolence, acts of helpful service and prayers for grace in our gloom following the death of a dear husband and father, we are thankful and hope and pray God's richest benedictions on one and all.—Mrs. W.A. Hicks and family.

Dr. David Carson Bayless left to-

day for Ohio, Northwestern University at Ada Oklahoma, where he will preach the Baccalaureate sermon Sunday.

George Perkins of Waxahachie has been in the city for several days, helping Build a Bigger and Better Mexia. He's a carpenter.

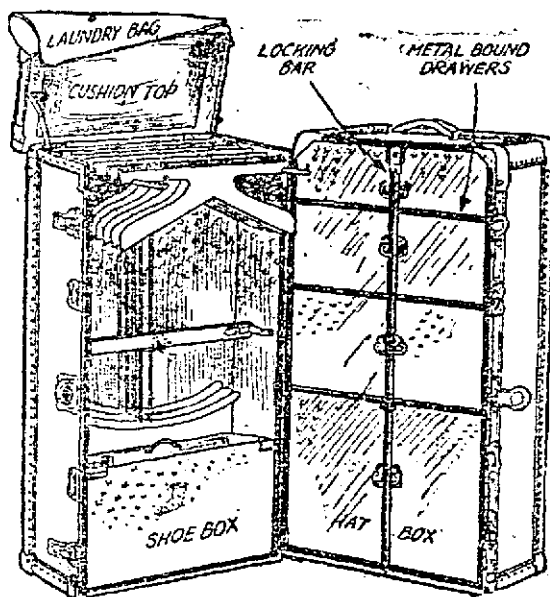
Bescher, Spudder first sacker, lifted one over the right field wall in the ninth and enabled San Antonio to defeat the Crabs, 4 to 3.

Mrs. Benton Jones returned Thursday from Terrell where she spent a few days on a visit with her parents.

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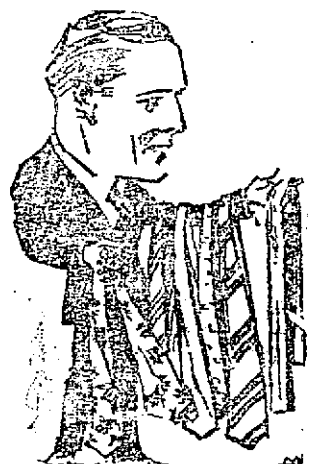
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